

Service Date: July 23, 2003

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of )  
Front Range Pipeline, LLC To Increase Rates)  
And Charges To Shippers On Its Crude )  
Petroleum Pipeline From The International )  
Boundary, Santa Rita Station, and Cut Bank )  
To Cut Bank and Laurel, Montana. )

UTILITY DIVISION  
DOCKET NO.D2003.6.67  
ORDER NO. 6499

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DEFAULT ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 2, 2003, the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) received an application from Front Range Pipeline (Front Range) for authority to increase rates and charges to shippers on its International Boundary to Cut Bank, International Boundary to Laurel, Santa Rita Station to Cut Bank, Cut Bank to Laurel, and Santa Rita Station to Laurel, Montana crude petroleum pipeline. The total requested increase is based on the Oil Pipeline Index as published by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This methodology allows oil pipelines to change rates through the use of an index system that has established ceiling levels for such rates. Front Range has filed a new tariff (Montana PSC No. 15).

2. On June 12, 2003, the PSC issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with requests for intervention due no later than July 2, 2003.

3. No request for intervention has been received.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Montana Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over the rates and charges of common carrier pipelines pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 13, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

2. Front Range Pipeline is a common carrier pipeline transporting crude petroleum and therefore is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The PSC approves the increase for rates and charges on this pipeline
2. This Order shall be effective for service rendered on and after August 1, 2003.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 15th day of July, 2003 by a 5-0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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TOM SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Barbara Effing  
Acting Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.